

A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT



This is how the Mississippi River at Wickliffe, Kentucky, looked around 1939. Kentucky Historical Society, Ronald Morgan Kentucky Postcard Collection, Graphic5.Box18.197.

BALLARD COUNTY: LA SALLE STOPPED HERE

French explorer René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle and his party stopped on the Ohio River near Wickliffe in 1682 while seeking the mouth of the Mississippi River as an outlet for French fur trade. Louis XIV had commissioned his search. La Salle proclaimed the Ohio River to be the northern watershed of the New Province of Louisiana and he claimed the Mississippi River region for France.



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